

# Happy Thanksgiving!

## *Very thankful for your support!*

*God is the Lord, and He has given us light; You are my God, I will exalt You.  
Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.*

Psalm 118: 27-29

November 20, 2018

Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings from my sending church Johnston Chapel Baptist in Princeton WV! What a blessing to be with this special church during this season of thanksgiving, as they have been incredible in all they have done for me! I am so grateful for their financial and prayer support throughout my 28 years with ABWE. I get to spend Thanksgiving with my brother and his family in Greenville SC. And then I get to return to Odessa November 28!

**I am so thankful for the ongoing ministry in Ukraine that demonstrates God's work and blessing there.** That ministry is possible thanks to your ongoing prayer and financial support! Without you, I could not have started the village clinic ministry, the relationship with Pastor Lonya and Luba and their ministry through Fair Haven Church in Krasnosyolka, Choose Life, teaching in the Christian Medical Association, taking medical and spiritual help to the survivors of the ongoing war in eastern Ukraine. **Thank you for persevering with me!**

Thank you for standing with me as **God revises my ministry to include a global focus as well as medical clinics in Ukraine.** In October I was at our Central and Eastern Europe conference in **Malta**, which was such a blessing and encouragement with godly worship, music and teaching. I also helped about 30 of my missionary colleagues with medical issues during the week. I spent about 2 weeks at **ABWE International Headquarters** in Harrisburg PA, dealing with questions related to my new role as Associate Medical Director for ABWE worldwide. Then I joined a group of ABWE medical missionaries in Louisville KY at a huge **medical missions conference**, where we interacted with scores of students, residents, nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals, explaining how they could serve in ABWE medical ministries around the world. It was exhilarating and exhausting! 😊 I got to talk to **Ben and Holly Snyder** (4<sup>th</sup> medical student and nurse from my supporting church in Greenville SC) about their upcoming trip to Ukraine in January. My next stop was visiting **Dr. Tim Murphy** and his family who served in Odessa for 3 months earlier this year. They have found some Russian contacts to continue doing some study in that language! Their children still remember Bible verses in Russian. **Pray for Tim and Angela as they seek God's will for their next ministry trip to Ukraine**, when and for how long, and whether God might be calling them to long-term ministry in Ukraine.

I am getting more involved in dealing with **ABWE administrative issues** relative to missionary healthcare. Pray for much wisdom from God for me to please Him in all I do. The plan is for me to move from Odessa to Harrisburg in May 2019 and become ABWE Medical Director of International Missionary Healthcare June 1. **I will continue to be a missionary to Ukraine!!** I will spend 2-3 months every year there. I will still be on financial support as a missionary in my new role, and **1/3 of that support funds the medical ministry in Ukraine each month.** Therefore, your sustained support is critical to my personal ministry and to the continuation of the village clinic ministry in Ukraine.

As I return to Odessa next week, pray especially for **Luda**, one of my patients in Krasnosyolka. She promised to study **"The Story of Hope"** with me this winter. Pray for God to keep that desire burning in her heart to learn about salvation. And may other patients join us!

***Grateful for your enabling God's work in Ukraine,  
Miriam Wheeler, MD***